

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Currently amended) A multi-layer monofilament
2 consisting of multiple layers that are extruded simultaneously in a
3 single process step from a single spinning orifice, having a first
4 layer made from first plastic, a second layer, which is bonded
5 directly to the first layer, made from a second plastic, and a
6 third layer, which is bonded directly to the second layer, made
7 from a third plastic wherein the second plastic is a bonding agent
8 for bonding the first and third.

1 2. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament consists of three layers.

1 3. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament has a core/sheath structure, that
3 the core of the monofilament is formed by the first plastic, the
4 core is at least partly enclosed by the second layer consisting of
5 the second plastic, and the second layer consisting of the second
6 plastic is at least partly enclosed by the third layer consisting

7 of the third plastic.

1 4. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the monofilament has a side-by-side structure.

1 5. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein the second plastic is an ethylene-vinylacetate
3 copolymer or a methylacrylate copolymer.

1 6. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 1 wherein one of the layers to be bonded by means of the
3 second plastic, is made from at least one plastic from the group
4 which consists of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyamide
5 (PA), polyamide copolymer, and polypropylene (PP).

1 7. (Original) The multi-layer monofilament according to
2 claim 6, the other of the two layers to be bonded by means of the
3 second plastic is made from at least one plastic selected from the
4 group which consists of polyethylene (PE), polyoxymethylene (POM),
5 polyphenylene sulphide (PPS), polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA),
6 polybutylene terephthalate (PBT), polyvinyl chloride (PVC),

7 polyether etherketone (PEEK), and polyethylene naphthalate (PEN).

Claim 8, (cancelled).

Claim 9, (cancelled).

Claim 10, (cancelled).

Claim 11, (cancelled).

1 12. (New) A multi-layer monofilament consisting of
2 multiple layers that are extruded simultaneously in a single
3 process step, having a first layer made from first plastic, a
4 second layer, which is bonded directly to the first layer, made
5 from a second plastic, and a third layer, which is bonded directly
6 to the second layer, made from a third plastic wherein the second
7 plastic is a bonding agent for bonding the first and third, wherein
8 the second plastic is an ethylene-vinylacetate copolymer or a
9 methylacrylate copolymer.